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Upcoming Events

Special education Finance Trainings:

- Wednesday February 22, 2006 @ Provo District Office 280 West 940 North, Provo Utah. Ted Kelly will present various uses of EXCELL in Special Education Funding, Personnel Tracking, and Tracking Students for Child Count etc. Lap tops will be available, or you may want to bring your own, and some of your own data to make this training personal. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon
- 2. Thursday March 9, 2006 @ Jordan School District Office. 9370 South 300 East Sandy Utah. This training will focus on setting up Special Education budgets for both Federal and State Funding sources. Again lap tops computers will be available, but if you can bring your own and some of your own data, it will be more specific for you. Again we will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.
- Thursday April 27, 2006 @ Granite School District Office 2500 South State Street. The latest in Medicaid reimbursement will be presented by Dr, Kathryn McCarrie and her staff. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and run until 12:00 noon.

It has been the perception that these trainings are only for new and almost new Special Education Directors. Any and ALL are invited to attend if you have a need in any of the above areas.

June Literacy Conference

Remember the June Literacy Conference, June 12-14th at the Provo Marriott. Online registration through UPDC will start in March. Districts will have approximately 1 month to complete registering their teams.

Grant Writing Training

The special education and curriculum department are cosponsoring a grant writing training for literacy leaders and special educators at school/district/charter school levels. The training will provide information on the process of obtaining grants, preparing grants and packaging grants. This is an excellent opportunity for educators who do not have experience or knowledge in grant writing. There is a limited seating. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Patty Hunt at patty.hunt@schools.utah.gov for additional information and registration.

Spring in St. George

The spring State Meetings will be held in St. George, March 29-31. The meeting location will be the Ramada Inn, 1440 E. St. George Blvd. A block of rooms is being held until March 1. When you call to make reservations, let them know that you'll need a room being held for USOE (phone:800-713-9435).

The CASE leadership conference will be held on March 29th. LEAD and Administrative meetings will be featured on March 30th, with Consotrium following on March 31st from 9:00-12:00. Please come and enjoy the sunshine!

Upcoming Events Cont.

Charter School Roundtables

USOE and UPDC have developed monthly Charter School Round Tables to provide basic information on different issues within the special education process. This month the agenda is: writing measurable goals, PLAAFPs, and introduction to LRBI. This month the meeting is February 24th from 1:30-3:30 at the Jones Center and will be available over poly com. If you have a new teacher that you would like to include in these workshops please contact Connie Nink at www.updc.org or Glenna Gallo at www.schools.utah.gov and we will include them on the email list.



Estimator 10.0

The estimator 10.0 is available to order. The disc has reading fluency assessments listed. This is the only change in the estimator disc.

UAA

By now everyone should have the new Science UAA out in the classrooms that need it. Remember that the Language Arts and Math UAA should be given to students in grades 1 – 12 and the Science UAA should be given to students in grades 4 – 12. If a student takes the UAA in one area, that student should take the UAA in all areas (this may be a change from previous information).

If you have any questions, please contact: Wendy Carver, USOE, 538-7639, wendy.carver@schools.utah.gov.

Graduation Rule Change

Just a reminder that the diploma options have changed. On January 12, the State School Board approved the amendments to Board Rule R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas, with a first possible effective date of March 1, 2006. Significant changes include:

- Deletion of the "basic skills" and "alternative completion" diplomas titles. Clarification that diplomas issued are "high school diplomas"
- Requirement that the diploma face include designation that student passed or did not pass the UBSCT;
- Requirement that a student who did not pass the UBSCT "participated in UBSCT remediation consistent with school district or school policies and opportunities, beginning with the class of 2007"; and
- Requirement that districts establish criteria for students to earn a certificate of completion.

A copy of State Board Rule R277-705 is not yet available on the USOE web site; if you would like a copy, please e-mail Susan Loving at susan.loving@schools.utah.gov.

Preschool News

Just a reminder, to submit the information on all of the students referred from Part C to Part B to Cal Newbold, by June 30th. If you need a new copy of the form it is on the USOE web site under preschool

http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/preschool.htm or under the data forms http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Data.htm. If you have any questions please contact Connie Nink at 801-558-5610.

Preschool Topic Seminars

The Preschool Topic Seminars were very interactive. All participants developed tools that they could utilize in their classrooms, based on information learned from Transforming Aggression and Creating a Classroom Family. Participants will be receiving a follow up survey regarding implementation of concepts that were taught during each of the two day seminars. Both of these seminars were based on the scientifically researched program Conscious Discipline®, by Dr. Becky Bailey, recognized as a National Character Education Program.